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HONGKONG, MARCH 16th, 1896.

The statement that it has been made a
condition of the new Chinese loan that no
change is to be made in the Chinese Foreign
Customs will be hailed with satisfaction.
Pears have been entertained, and not with-
out reason, that when Sir ROBERT HART
relinquished the reins they might pass into
the hands of a Chinese Commissioner and that
all the foreigners in the service might be
gradually dispensed with. The Chinese
ruling class look with great jealousy upon
the Foreign Customs service, which, if the
foreigners could only be got rid of, would
afford so many fat billets for themselves and
their followers and such large opportunities
of peculation. It has now been agreed that
no change of that kind shall take place
during the currency of the recently con-
cluded loan, and the foreign mercantile
community may breathe all the more freely
for the assurance thus afforded, for the
Customs in Chinese hands would speedily
degenerate into the corrupt and uncertain
service that existed before the management
was entrusted to foreigners. The agree-
ment, we take it, also means that the
Service is not to be handed over to any
foreign Government; that Russia, for in-
stance, will not be allowed to assume sole
control over it. Curiously will still prevail
as to who will succeed Sir ROBERT HART
when (we trust not for many years to
come) that capable administrator retires,
whether it will be an Englishman or a Ger-
man, a Frenchman or a Russian; but in any
case we have the assurance that the Service
will be continued on its present lines.

Mr. HO AMI and Colonel CHAN find a
zealous advocate and defender in the
Hongkong Telegraph in connection with their
proceedings on the occasion of the opening of
the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The case
is so bad, however, that the defence only ex-
poses its weakness. If our contemporary
wished to do the gentlemen named a "good
service" it is a pity it could "not resist the
temptation to say something on the other side
of the question," for the greatest kindness
that could be shown to them by their friends
and apologists would be to let the whole matter
drop. It is a case of least said is soonest
mended. Our contemporary contends that a
German or French official might have
performed a ceremony in connection with an
institution of their own nationality analogous
to that performed by Colonel CHAN without
being guilty of any impropriety. But dis-

courtesy is always improper, by whomsoever it
may be committed, although it may not be cri-
minal; and where an officer of one state com-
mits a discourtesy towards another state, not
an unknown thing even between European
nations, the natural sequel is a reprimand
or other penalty administered to the
offending official by his own Government
on the representation of the offended
Government, which is precisely what
has taken place in Colonel CHAN's case.
But we cannot conceive of our French
or German fellow residents being guilty of any
such discourtesy towards the Govern-
ment of the colony in which they are tem-
porarily resident as was shown by the
Chinese responsible for the ceremony
at the opening of the Chinese Chamber
of Commerce. No good purpose would be
served thereby by following up the parallel;
suggested by our contemporary, as to what
might happen in connection with the open-
ing of a French or German bazaar or club.
No discourtesy has ever been experienced in
the colony in connection with any such
event and none is anticipated, whereas dis-
courtesy has been offered in connection with
the opening of the Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce and it would be offered again at the
earliest possible opportunity if such conduct
were merely submitted to and tolerated by
the Government.

The point on which we chiefly join issue
with our contemporary, however, is as to
the legal status of the Chinese in this colony.
We are told that "the Chinese merchants
and traders are in the same
position precisely as the French and Ger-
mans." That is a mistake altogether, as
will be seen in a moment if the proposition
be reversed and made to read that the
French and Germans are in the same position
in this colony as the Chinese. Every one
knows that that is not so. The colony has
on its statute book an Ordinance for the
regulation of the Chinese population. There
is no corresponding Ordinance for the
regulation of the French and Germans. We
have likewise an official known as the
Protector of Chinese. We have no
Protector of French and Germans. But the
most important point of difference in a
political sense, and the one that has the
most direct bearing on the present case, is
that France and Germany, like every other
recognised nation except China, are allowed
to maintain Consuls in the colony, whereas
with regard to China it is a settled
principle of policy, so far as this colony is
concerned, that no Chinese Consul shall be
allowed. It has on more than one occasion
been suggested that such an officer should
be established here, but the suggestion has
always been strongly combatted by the local
Government and the entire community has
on those occasions lent its support to the
Government. The reason is plain. The
fact of British sovereignty over the island
is only imperfectly recognised by a large
proportion of the native population, who
regard Hongkong as a little chip of the
Chinese Empire where foreigners are by the
grace of the Emperor allowed to temporarily
establish themselves. The mandarins are
eager to encourage this delusion, to obtain
thereby a grip over the native population,
and to impose suzerainty. Hence it behoves
the Government to resist the establishment
of the intrusion of any Chinese official in the
colony. On the occasion referred to we
were not a matter to be lightly passed over,
especially if, as alleged, Colonel CHAN came
over without an invitation and assumed the
direction of the proceedings as a right
inherent in his official position. The case
of Mr. HO AMI also suffers from contra-
dictory evidence. According to Mr. HO
AMI himself the presence of Colonel CHAN
was uninvited and Mr. HO AMI was
therefore not responsible for it. According
to the Telegraph "the Government knew
several days before the ceremony what
"the committee proposed to do and who
"were to be present." Leaving the conflict
of evidence out of the question, how-
ever, we think it will be recognised that
there is a considerable difference between
the French Admiral presiding at the open-
ing of a bazaar at the French Convent and
the Colonel of Kowloon coming over to
Hongkong to preside at the opening of the
Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

The Garrison was engaged in field firing on
Saturday.
The Hongkong Ironworks have commenced
operations, melting iron ore.
A mint for the coinage of silver dollars is to
be established soon in the provinces of Chekiang.
We hear that another case arrived at Canton
a few days ago from Hongkong, on being
opened was found to contain the corpse of a
plague victim.
The maximum temperature last month was
67.7 on the 24th, and the minimum 43.2 on the
10th, the mean for the whole month being 56.
The rainfall amounted to 7.945 inches.
The schooner *Alida*, twenty-six days from
Shanghai, arrived at Port Townsend, Wash-
ington, on the 15th February, having made the
best passage across the Pacific Ocean on record
for a sailing vessel.
The N. C. Daily News says the widow of the
late Admiral Ting, of the ill-fated *Peking* fleet,
committed suicide on the 15th ultimo at Hanoi,
Annam, on the occasion of the funeral of the
late Admiral's remains.
At the annual meeting of the Shanghai rate-
payers held on the 10th March a resolution for
the abolition of the *Shanghai* rate was rejected.
The papers received as yet do not contain a
report of the discussion upon the subject.

The Shanghai Mercury of the 9th March
says: "The first fleet of the Chinese Govern-
ment rice transporters, junks, to the number of
39, with a total load of 16,468 chis (25,702
piculs) of tribute rice is under despatch from
Fuzhou at Fuzhou, Canton, in anticipation
of the early advent of more European troops
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The following Ordinances have been allowed
by Her Majesty:—An Ordinance to further
amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891, an
Ordinance to further amend the Stamp Or-
dinance, 1886, and an Ordinance to authorise
in certain cases judicial investigations into the
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DEATH OF ONE OF MARK TWAIN'S CHARACTERS.

St. Louis, 14th February.
Judge Alexander Davis, to-day, surrounded by his family, and a large number of his friends, buried the remains of Mark Twain in the cemetery of the city. The funeral was a grand affair, and the remains were carried to the cemetery in a hearse drawn by a team of white horses. The funeral was held in the presence of a large number of friends, and the remains were buried in a vault. The funeral was a grand affair, and the remains were carried to the cemetery in a hearse drawn by a team of white horses. The funeral was held in the presence of a large number of friends, and the remains were buried in a vault.

TRAFFIC ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

New York, 14th February.
Sir William Van Horne, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was in the city yesterday, on his way to the North-West. He was accompanied by a large number of friends, and the journey was a grand affair. The railway was a grand affair, and the journey was a grand affair. The railway was a grand affair, and the journey was a grand affair.

EFFORTS FOR MRS. MAYHEW.

The so-called Mayhew committee has submitted an elaborate memorial to Mrs. Mayhew, and the memorial is a grand affair. The memorial is a grand affair, and the memorial is a grand affair. The memorial is a grand affair, and the memorial is a grand affair.

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Have been Shippers to China for nearly 75 years. Their brands are generally known all over the world. This ancient house consigns to us their well-known very old, and

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Distinguished by 4 stars on the label. Price \$18.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC.
Distinguished by 3 stars on the label. Price \$17.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

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VERY GOOD COGNAC.
Distinguished by 2 stars on the label. Price \$17.50 per 1 dozen bottles.
"PALL MALL" WHISKY.
Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analysis certificate. Price \$18.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

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Well-matured HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY.
Blended by CUTLER, PALMER & CO. Moderate in price, excellent in quality. Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
BRODIE & CO'S FINE SCOTCH WHISKY.
In Signet Bottles. Price \$10.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

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C. P. & CO'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.
In Patented Bottles. Price \$9.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
GLENLIVER BLEND, SCOTCH WHISKY.
Moderately priced, good quality. Price \$9.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

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INVALIDS' PORT.
This Wine is old, soft, and delicate. We strongly recommend it. Analyzed and Certified by Professor Cassell. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.
DOURO PORT.
This is a fine quality Wine of exceptionally good value. Price \$12.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

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The Best Made in Portugal. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.
LA TORRE.
Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
Pure and natural. No tonic. WHITE SEAL SHERRY—Popular at the Club. Dry, delicate, and of fine flavor. Price \$17.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

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In Quarts and Pints. CHATEAU MOUTON.
For a good after-dinner Wine we recommend this. Price \$36.75 per 1 dozen bottles.
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This is a very attractive Claret, of good bouquet. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

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BENEDICTINE, D.O.M. Price \$35.50 per 1 dozen bottles.
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A Blend of Selected Distillations of the Finest Scotch Whiskies. Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong. [33]

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Who have consigned to our care for over half a century. Apply to G. A. ANDERSON, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong. [31]

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INSURANCES.

PHOENIX FIRE OFFICE.
The Underwritten are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE at Current Rates. DOUGLAS LAFFRANK & CO. Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office. Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [30]

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SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN ASSURANCE CO. (LIFE AND ACCIDENT). LIFE RATES 80% Lower than those charged by most Companies. ACCIDENTS 22 PER ANNUM SECURE £1,000 (in case of Death by Accident) 24 PER ANNUM SECURE £1,000 in case of Death or Total Permanent Disablement by Accident, and Weekly Payments of from £1.10 to 26s a week in case of Temporary Disablement. For Prospectus or further Particulars, apply to J. Y. VERNON, Agent. Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [1276]

INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG. The Underwritten AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. SIEMSEN & CO. Agents. Hongkong, 16th May, 1895. [19]

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SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON. FOUNDED 1710. The Underwritten, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. SIEMSEN & CO. Agents. Hongkong, 16th November, 1892. [17]

INSURANCES.

SOUTH-BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY. The Underwritten, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. SIEMSEN & CO. Agents. Hongkong, 16th November, 1892. [17]

INSURANCES.

MESSRS. AINHOOLD, KARBBERG & CO. have this Day been appointed SUB-AGENTS of the above Company. 1st January, 1896. S. J. DAVID & CO. Agents, Hongkong. [182]

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1894, £1,071,018 2s. 2d. I.—AUTHORISED CAPITAL, £3,000,000 & £4. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,500,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £687,500 0 0. II.—FREE FUNDS, £410,000 7 3. The Underwritten having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. SHEWAN & CO. Agents. Hongkong, 12th July, 1895. [1360]

INSURANCES.

JUST RECEIVED. NEW SEASON'S AUSTRALIAN WOOLLEN CLOTHING IN FINE CONDITION. Also, WOODS' COLONIAL DAIRY CHEESE. GEO. F. LAMBERT, Sole Agent. Hongkong, 24th January, 1896. [57]

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SIEN TING. SURGEON DENTIST. No. 10, D'ARVILLE STREET. TERMS VERY MODERATE. Consultation Free. Hongkong, 23rd September, 1891. [1990]

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R. J. REMEDIOS. FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALER. 7A, CAHNE ROAD, HONGKONG. Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references. Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash. AGENTS WANTED. Liberal Discount Allowed. [2494]

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WORTH A GUINEA A BOX. BEECHAM'S PILLS FOR ALL BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS. ANNUAL SALE SIX MILLION BOXES. The 1/2 lb. Box contains 56 Pills. Price 50 cents. THOMAS BEECHAM, 11, St. Helena, Lancashire. Sole AGENTS for Hongkong and the Empire of CHINA—WATKINS & CO. 63, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. [59-1]

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